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When Rick's plan to kill Negan failed, only Andrea, Carl and a few others were left to resist. But after Carl shot Lucille, Negan called for the boy's death. In the bell tower, Andrea fought for her life against a Savior. While everyone believed it was Andrea who fell to her death, she survived...

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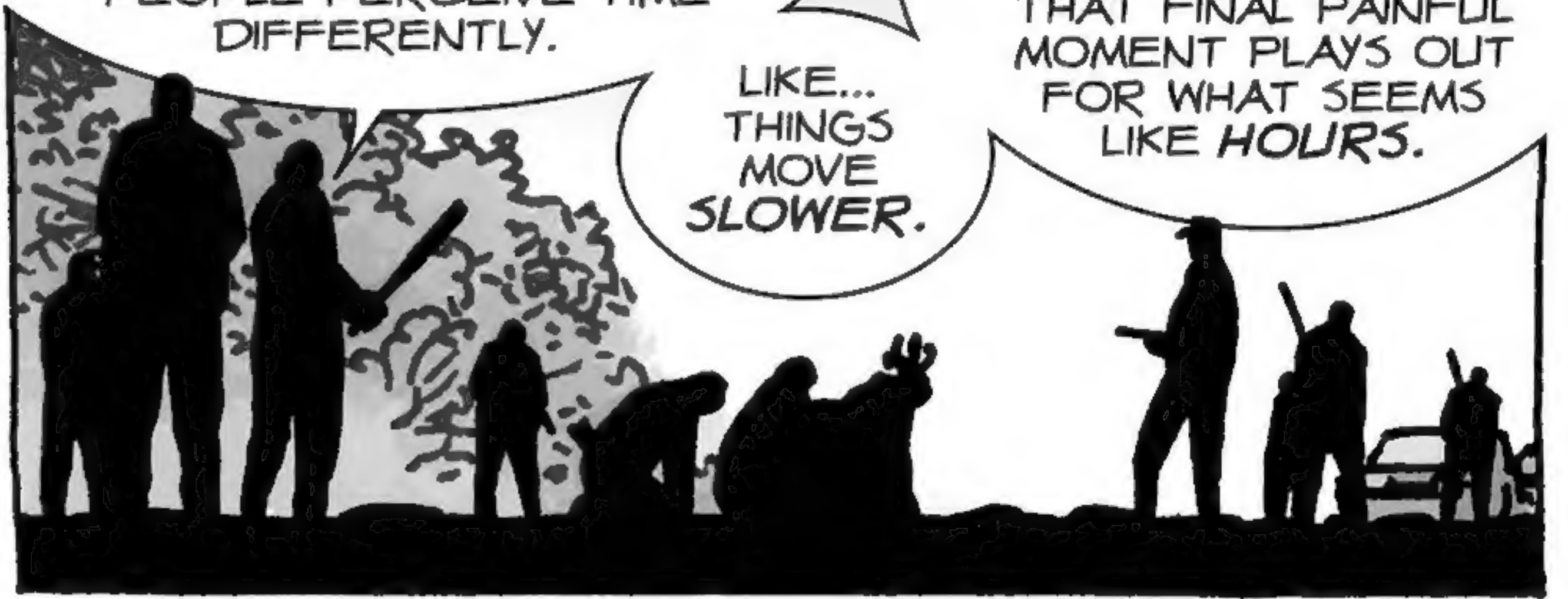
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CHEER UP.
SHE WENT
QUICK.

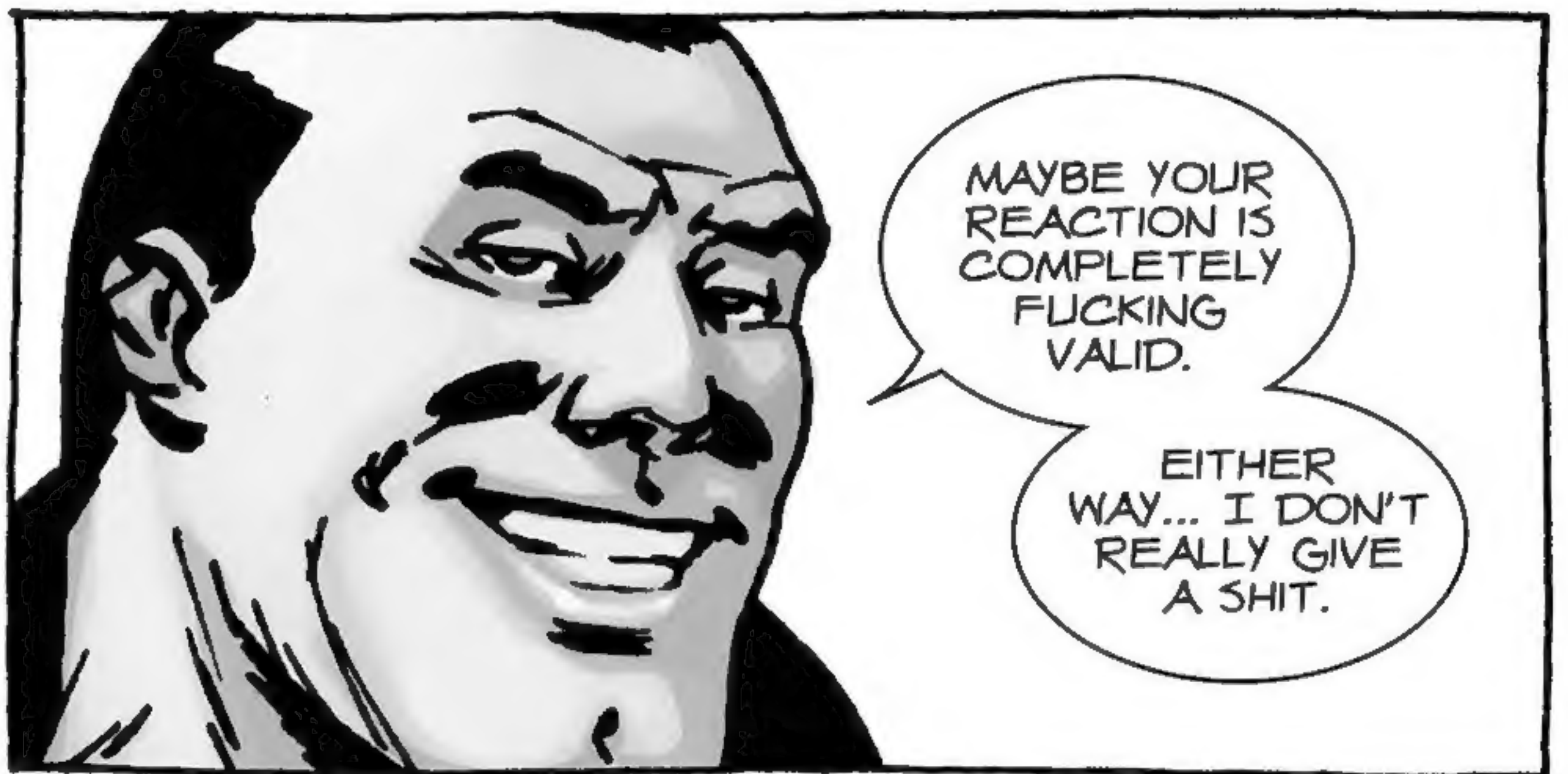
PROBABLY
DIDN'T FEEL
A GODDAMN
THING.

OF COURSE, YOU ALWAYS HEAR
"MY LIFE FLASHED BEFORE MY
EYES," AND I'VE ALWAYS HEARD
THAT IN TIMES OF STRESS,
PEOPLE PERCEIVE TIME
DIFFERENTLY.



LIKE...
THINGS
MOVE
SLOWER.

SO MAYBE EVEN WHEN
THE DEATH IS QUICK...
YOU *DO* FEEL
SOMETHING. MAYBE
THAT FINAL PAINFUL
MOMENT PLAYS OUT
FOR WHAT SEEMS
LIKE *HOURS*.



MAYBE YOUR
REACTION IS
COMPLETELY
FUCKING
VALID.

EITHER
WAY... I DON'T
REALLY GIVE
A SHIT.



BESIDES...
THIS IS
*ONLY THE
BEGINNING.*

SAVE SOME
TEARS FOR
THE OTHER
ASSHOLE I'M
ABOUT TO
KILL.

OR MAYBE
IT'LL BE *YOU*.
YOU NEVER
KNOW.



WINK.





THESE PEOPLE
ARE YOUR FUCKING
FRIENDS, RIGHT?
HOW LONG HAVE
YOU LIVED WITH
THEM? DO THEY
HAVE KIDS? DO
THEY HAVE LOVED
ONES?!

OR ARE
THEIR FAMILIES
LESS IMPORTANT
THAN YOURS?
THIS IS SERIOUSLY
FUCKING ME
UP. WOW.

OKAY,
NEW
FUCKING
PLAN.

IF ONE OF
YOU... CAN SAY,
"KILL THIS FUCKING
ASSHOLE RIGHT
NOW," HE'S THE
ONE WHO DIES.
NOT YOU.



ANY
TAKERS?



FUCK
YOU.

HE'S
SCARED.
WE'RE ALL
SCARED.



HAVE IT
YOUR WAY.
I'VE WASTED
ENOUGH
TIME.

RICK, YOU
KNOW THE
SONG. CARE
TO JOIN
IN?



YOU CAN
HUM ALONG
IF YOU
LIKE.
























REALLY GOT WORRIED
FOR A MINUTE THERE
THAT YOU'D TURNED
AROUND AND LEFT. I
WAS ONLY A BIT
AHEAD OF YOU.

YOU SURE
TOOK YOUR
TIME.



I HAD TO GET CLOSE
WITHOUT BEING SPOTTED,
MY FRIEND. MUCH MORE
DIFFICULT WHEN IT'S
MORE THAN ONE MAN...
EVEN FOR ONE
SUCH AS I.



I CAN'T BELIEVE
WE MADE IT HERE
IN TIME... THIS
COULD HAVE BEEN
VERY BAD.



ALMOST WAS.
THERE IS MUCH
TO DISCUSS
OF THE
COMING
DAYS.



I MUST SAY,
FRIEND... YOU
HAVE VASTLY
UNDERSOLD THIS
COMMUNITY.

THIS PLACE
IS SPECTACULAR...
VERY MUCH
WORTH FIGHTING
FOR. I BELIEVE
I'LL HAVE A LOOK
AROUND.



DAMAGE ISN'T SO BAD. I REMOVED A FEW GUN FRAGMENTS. IT'S GOING TO HURT, BUT YOU'LL BE FINE.

SHOULD BE COMPLETELY HEALED UP IN A FEW WEEKS.

GOOD.



OTHERWISE... I'D BE ALL OUT OF HANDS.



MAYBE YOU SHOULD BE A LITTLE MORE CAREFUL...



STARTING ABOUT FIVE HOURS AGO. WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT, RICK?

YOU THREW AWAY OUR ADVANTAGE. HE KNOWS WHAT'S COMING NOW.



...



WELL?



HE DOESN'T KNOW SHIT.

HE THINKS WE'RE WORKING TOGETHER. HE THINKS I WANT TO KILL HIM. HE HAS NO DAMN IDEA HOW ORGANIZED WE ARE.

THEY WON'T BE READY FOR US.



WHAT IF... HE JUST ASSUMES WE'RE ORGANIZED... JUST IN CASE?



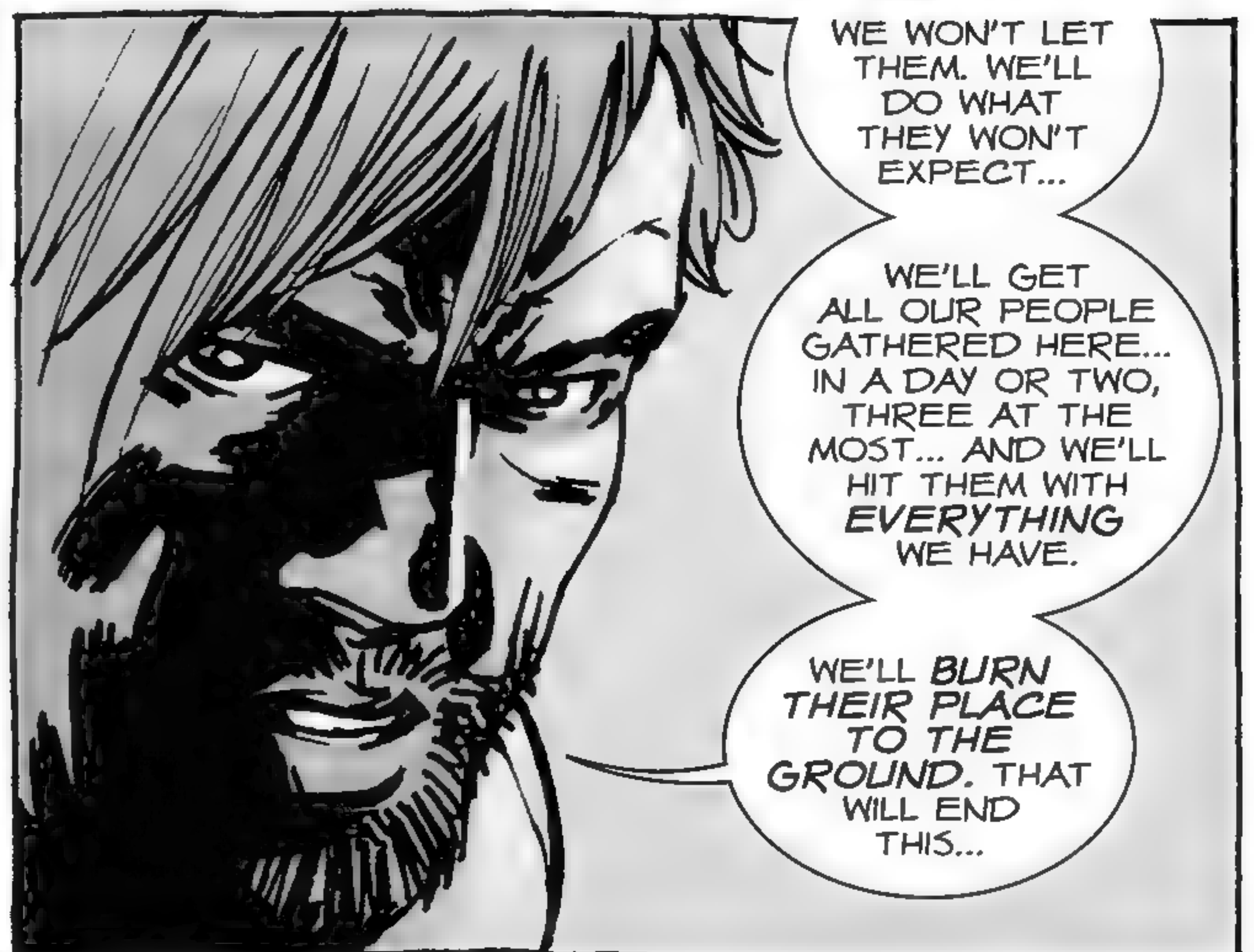
YOU NEED TO LIE DOWN, ANDREA.

NOW.



I FEEL LIKE A TRUCK HIT ME. MAKES IT A LITTLE HARD TO DOZE OFF.

QUESTION STANDS. RICK... WHAT IF THEY GET READY?



WE WON'T LET THEM. WE'LL DO WHAT THEY WON'T EXPECT...

WE'LL GET ALL OUR PEOPLE GATHERED HERE... IN A DAY OR TWO, THREE AT THE MOST... AND WE'LL HIT THEM WITH EVERYTHING WE HAVE.

WE'LL BURN THEIR PLACE TO THE GROUND. THAT WILL END THIS...



WE ARE... WE'RE GATHERING OUR FORCES AND WE'RE GOING TO ATTACK THEIR FACTORY.

I NEED YOU TO STAY HERE.

NO. I'VE *BEEN* THERE. YOU NEED ME THERE. I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS THE PLACE.

I'M USEFUL.

JESUS HAS SEEN THE OUTSIDE. YOU TELL HIM WHAT YOU KNOW OF THE INSIDE, AND THAT'LL HAVE TO DO.

I'M NOT LEAVING YOU HERE BECAUSE I DON'T THINK YOU CAN HANDLE IT, CARL.

BULLSHIT.

THIS IS NOT GOING TO BE A SAFE PLACE WHILE WE'RE ALL GONE. I NEED YOU TO BE HERE TO PROTECT IT.

OKAY, BUT...

...DAD?

WHAT?





CARL, GO
ON INSIDE.
GIVE ME A
MINUTE.

DIDN'T I
JUST SEE
YOU? WHAT'S
UP?



TODAY WAS NOT YOUR
BEST DAY. I JUST...
I DON'T KNOW... I JUST
WANTED TO SAY...
DO **BETTER**
NEXT TIME?



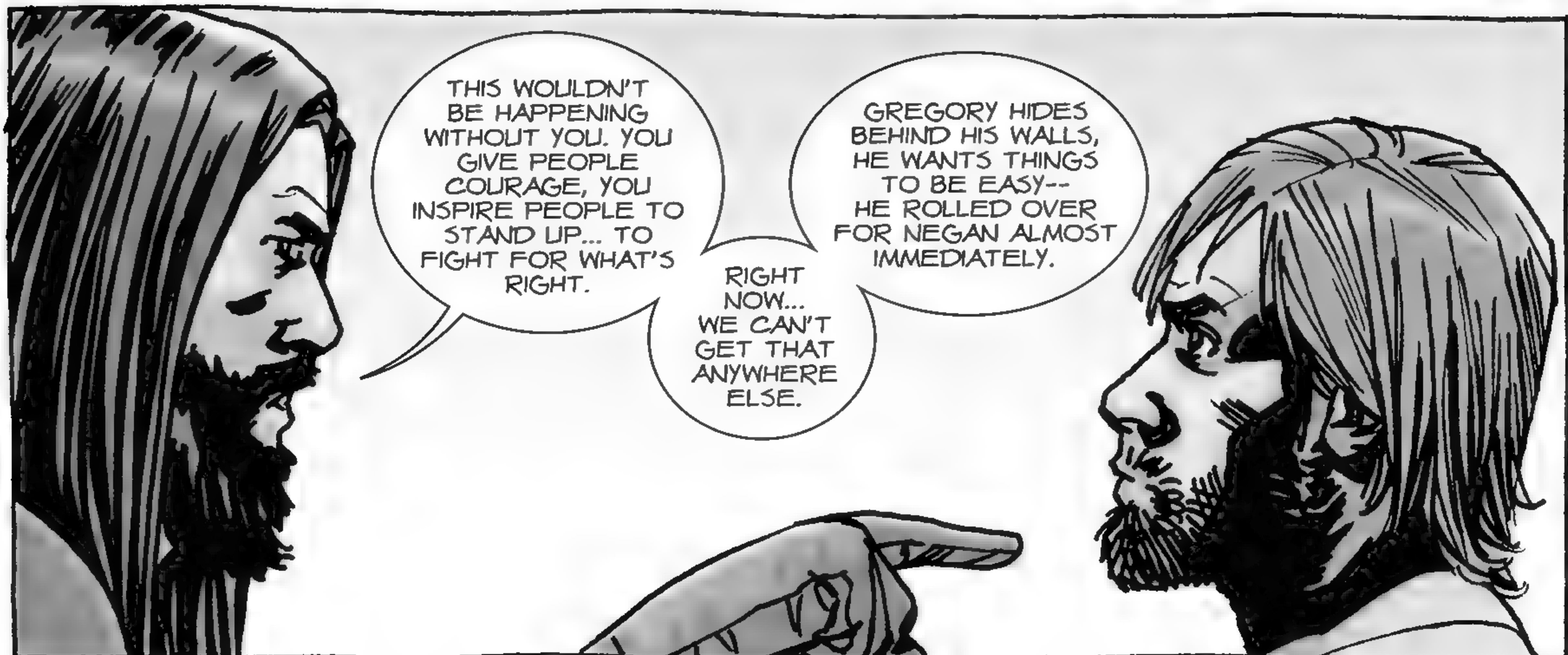
IT COULD HAVE WORKED...
AND AT LEAST NOW WE
KNOW THEY DO HAVE
GUNS. BUT YEAH...
I GET IT.

NO MORE
GOING OFF
HALF-COCKED...
WE'LL MAKE PLANS...
AND STICK TO
THEM. THIS ASSAULT
ON THE SAVIORS...
WE'LL PLAN
THAT OUT.



NO, I DON'T
THINK YOU QUITE
UNDERSTAND
WHAT'S AT STAKE
HERE.

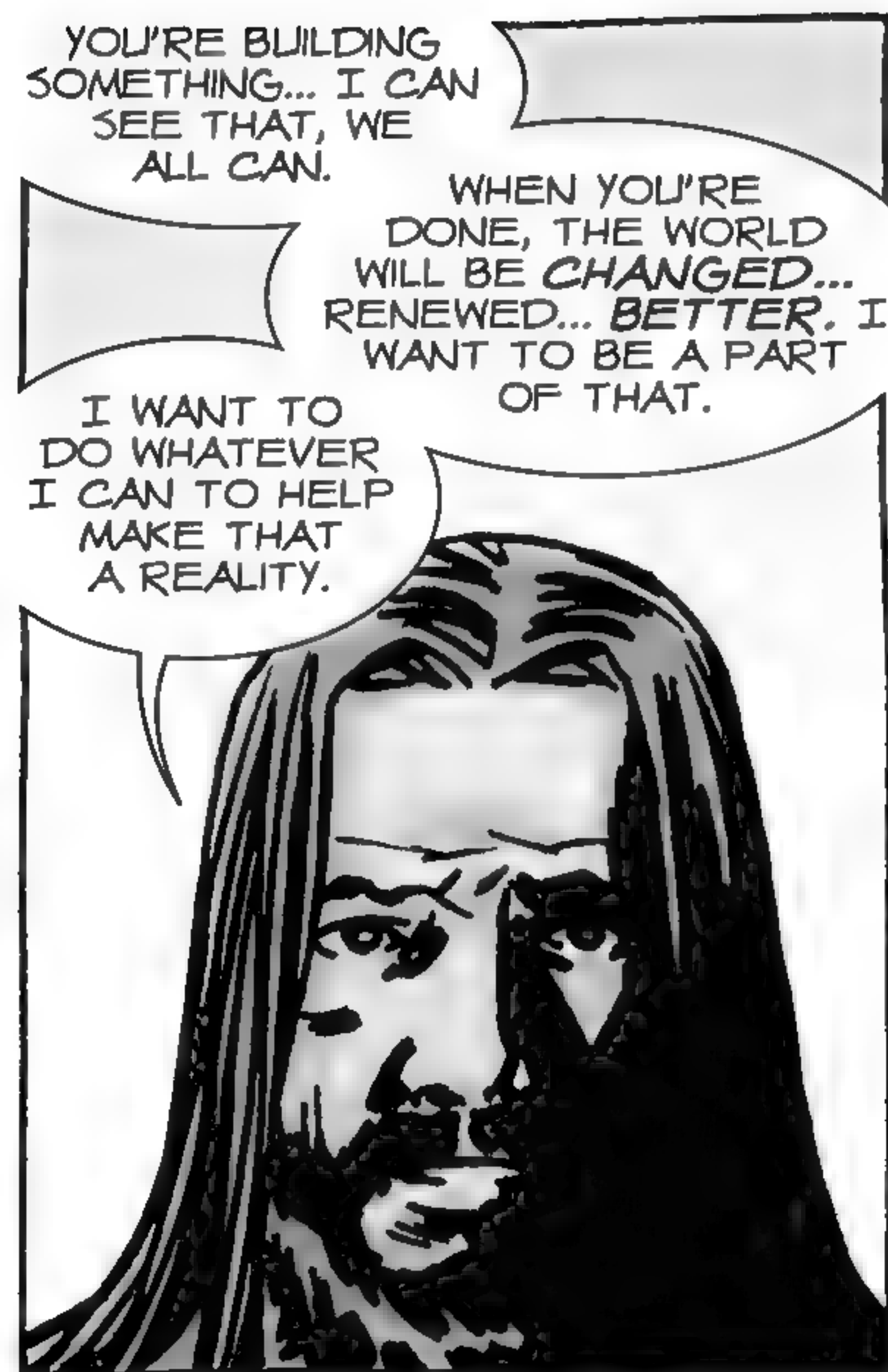
THIS ALL
FALLS APART
WITHOUT YOU,
RICK. ALL
OF IT.

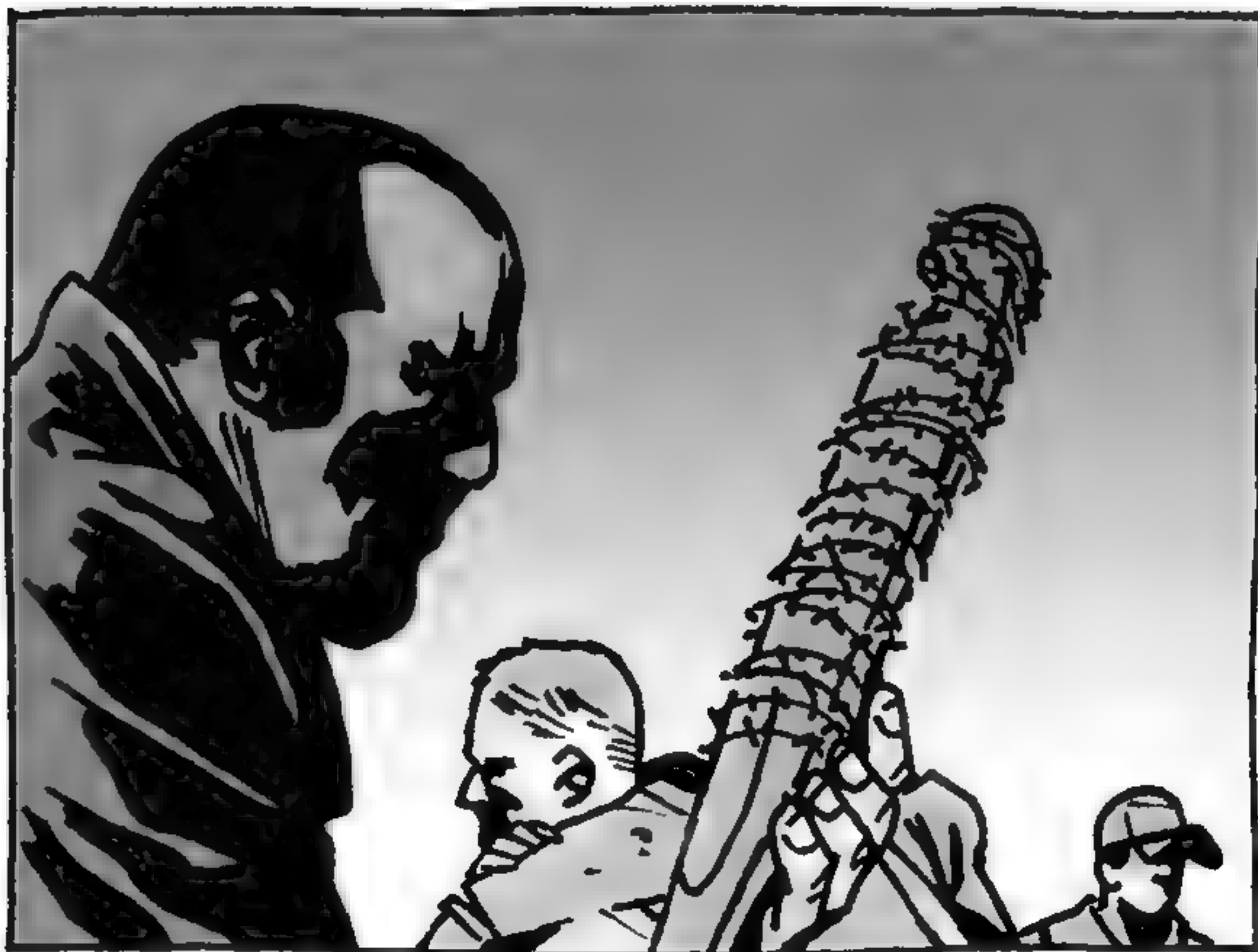


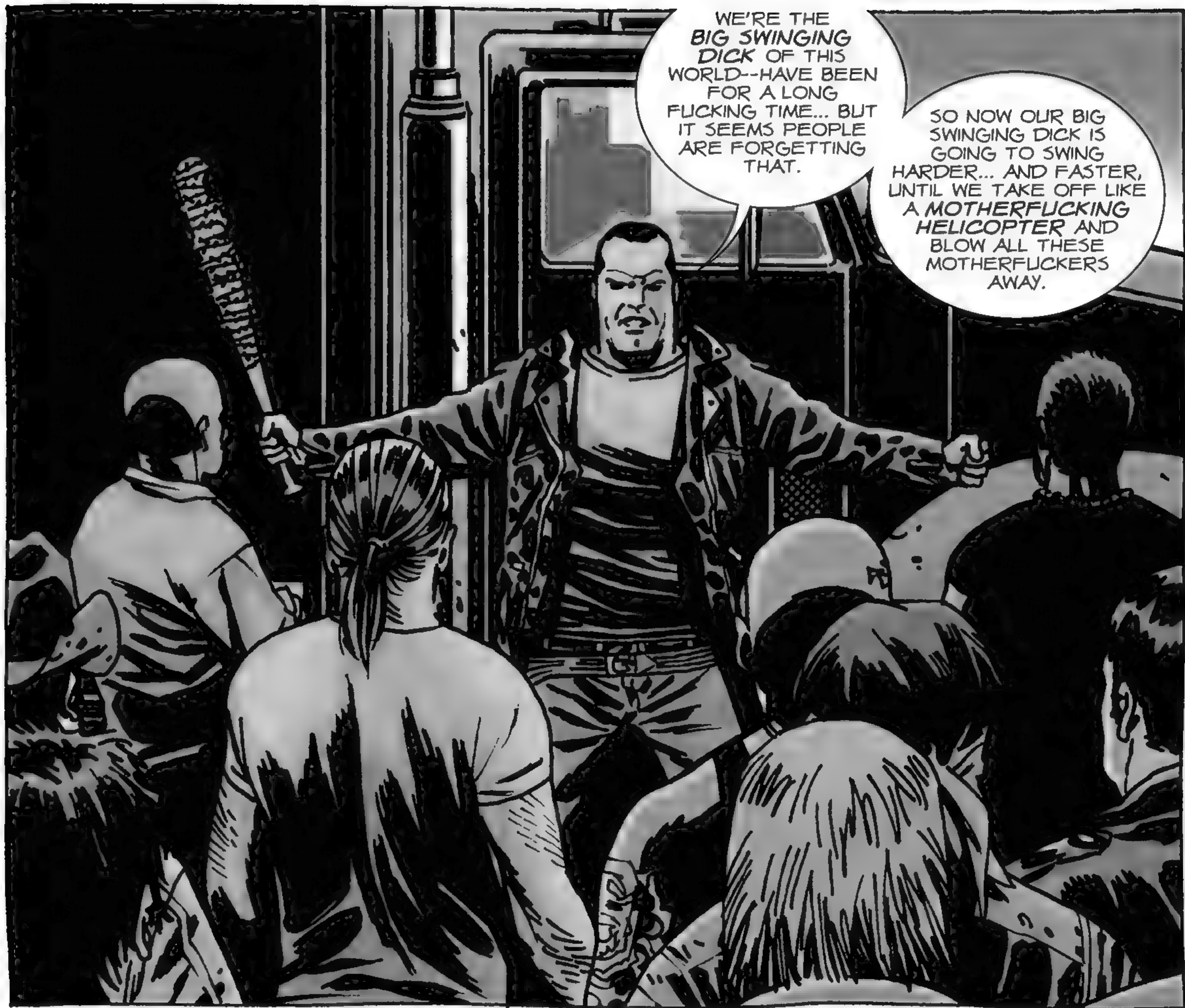
THIS WOULDN'T
BE HAPPENING
WITHOUT YOU. YOU
GIVE PEOPLE
COURAGE, YOU
INSPIRE PEOPLE TO
STAND UP... TO
FIGHT FOR WHAT'S
RIGHT.

RIGHT
NOW...
WE CAN'T
GET THAT
ANYWHERE
ELSE.

GREGORY HIDES
BEHIND HIS WALLS,
HE WANTS THINGS
TO BE EASY--
HE ROLLED OVER
FOR NEGAN ALMOST
IMMEDIATELY.







WE'RE THE
BIG SWINGING
DICK OF THIS
WORLD--HAVE BEEN
FOR A LONG
FUCKING TIME... BUT
IT SEEMS PEOPLE
ARE FORGETTING
THAT.

SO NOW OUR BIG
SWINGING DICK IS
GOING TO SWING
HARDER... AND FASTER,
UNTIL WE TAKE OFF LIKE
A MOTHERFUCKING
HELICOPTER AND
BLOW ALL THESE
MOTHERFUCKERS
AWAY.



⇒SIGH.⇐

WE'RE
GOING TO
WAR.

LETTER HACKS

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WAR! What is it good for? 12 issues on an accelerated schedule, that's what. #115 next month kicks off ALL OUT WAR. But first, letters to #112. And if folks got this amped by the lead-up... let's just see what you're all talking about six issues from now...

Let's keep this short and sweet! I've got to get back to writing issue 117!

Hey Guys,

Wow just wow, issue 112 was outstanding, when Rick pointed that gun, I was yelling THIS IS IT!!!! Then you effing pulled me back and I yelled NOOOOOO! So close, it just got me more hyped for ALL OUT WAR!

I can't believe its been a year since I started reading TWD (Not to mention 10 years for you guys wow) In fact the first issue I picked up new was 100 at last years SDCC (and I had to read it there, I couldn't wait). Let me tell you every issue has been loved, In fact comic book day is like xmas every month when TWD comes out, and for awhile I'll have xmas bi-fucking-weekly so THANKS you fucking fucked stupid fuckers, and I'm sure I'll see you at SDCC 2013!

Lots of un-weird love,
Clayton
Encinitas, CA

I stopped in Encinitas on my way down to SDCC and had some amazing Mexican food at Callejon. Shout out to the entire EnC!

I think it's important to clarify that we're going better than monthly, but because of a few factors, like the holidays, true bi-weekly isn't possible. So it goes like this.

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118 - December
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Dear DM and Commie,

It's official. I'm totally rooting for Negan now. The only thing holding me back was his train threat on Carl and once he said that was empty I'm with him. (I couldn't get behind some nutfuck that would let a kid get raped, you follow me?)

And what is there to root for you may ask? I would respond what's not to root for? He's had the best lines in the book in recent memory. He curses really well. He named his bat. And speaking of Lucille, he needs to bash in Rick's brains with her and be done with him. He seems too fucking smart to let Rick live and it doesn't seem realistic if he doesn't off him. As you may or may not know, Rick can be trouble if left to his own devices.

I'm probably in the minority in my support for the guy,

but fuck it. Here's to you Negan! I'm raising a glass

(my Negan pint glass which I recently purchased at HeroesCon in Charlotte) in your honor!

Rob Shelor
The Fucking President of the Negan Fan Club *
Roanoke VA

(*I was going to call it the Fucking Negan Fan Club or maybe even the Negan Fucking Fan Club, but you can probably see why I didn't go with either one of those. I like the guy, but not that much.)

Given the choice to follow Negan or the Governor, I am following Negan. I'm sure I will regret saying that somewhere down the line.

shooting guns out of hands???? Give me a break
You have now jumped the shark.
Rick would be dead already after that
wd has entered lala land.

Vx777

Let's all retire the use of "jump the shark." Its time has come.

Seriously. I feel like I've been jumping the shark since issue 19. Zombie pets?! A katana sword! You're jumping the shark, Kirkman! Yeah, yeah, yeah... tell me more.

Kirkman you bastard. Teasing me with a panel spanning two whole fucking pages, intentionally misleading me and countless others. For a brief moment in issue #112, we believed (because YOU wanted us to) that Rick had finally avenged our dearly departed brother Glenn and shut Negan's foul fucking mouth once and for all. I had a boner longer than Eugene's mullet when Rick leveled his pistol and proceeded to let loose an action movie line that would make Steven Seagal blush. My arousal was short-lived though, instead of blowing his enemies brains out, Rick suffers yet another hand injury. Now he's a "fucking fucked fucker". Now I don't get to spend the rest of my summer watching Rick tend his garden or teach Carl algebra or bang Andrea or whatever the hell it is he would do if shit just calmed the fuck down for a once.

My boy Chach was once involved in a situation (which won't be recounted here) that lead to him saying, "You're fucked. You're fucking fucked"... and I've loved that phrase (and variations thereof) ever since.

Who the hell is Chach? Are we just mentioning random friends now?

You do your thing, I'll do mine.

Maybe if Andrea actually shot at the fucking villain instead of his driver- we'd get an issue where Michonne learns how to can pickles while Carl gets a haircut. I guess I'll have to settle for more action, more drama,

and even more suspense.

And you call yourself a writer.

Kenneth Sandlin, Huntsville Al

(PS- thanks for setting a story in the South that doesn't revolve around how southern the characters are)

No sweat. Being from the south, I too am not too fond of their frequent portrayal in all forms of media. Just doing my part.

Dear Kirkman and co.

I have been a long-time reader and now a fan of the show. (Darryl is just so...yummy!) But I have to agree with a previous letter- hack, it might be better for me to read six months worth at a time. I appreciate your hard work, brilliance, etc. but I'm sooo bored of Negan/ Governor/whatever. I am first and foremost a zombie fan but the comic is starting to feel more like a twisted Archie and Friends. (Obviously with a lot cooler artwork!)

Having been a Romero fan for the past thirty years, I have spent way too much time thinking and dreaming of survival in a post zombie apocalypse and that's what I've been looking for from you. Where are all the damn zombies!! I keep hanging on, like some bad relationship but I'm afraid we're going to have to break up, or at least 'take a break'. Guess I'll go watch the original Dawn of The Dead again...

Jennie the Zombie lover

With the All Out War schedule, we'll be releasing THREE trades next year, so your plans to downgrade this relationship sadly won't go as planned. It's more a long distance thing now, and we'll pop into town unexpectedly and take you out for some drinks and you'll think, "Yeah, that's why I liked these dudes in the first place." Because no matter where you go, like Richard Marx, we'll still be right here waiting for you.

Also, there are still zombies in this comic... they're just not the focus right now. But they'll be back... YOU'LL see.

Thanks for signing up for Tiger Facts! You now will receive fun daily facts about TIGERS!

Did you know a group of tigers is known as an 'ambush' or 'streak'?

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More than one tiger is also known as "too fucking many."

I misread that as "steak" instead of "streak." "And then our car rounded the corner to see that we'd driven right into a steak of tigers. I barely made it out alive." It made me chuckle.

This guy ALWAYS misreads emails. AND has food on the brain. So thanks for the double whammy, Tiger Facts.

I think Heath is the most qualified replacement for Glenn (RIP). While he can never be replaced, Heath embodies a lot of his redeeming qualities and they were like best friends, and I think it's only right. I hope he plays a bigger role in the future, unless you kill him off too. I know the only-one-black-guy-at-a-time quota needs to be filled. I just tried guilt-tripping you into keeping him alive, and alas he still is!

Ceejay P
Bellevue, NE

I'm down with this idea. Make it happen, boss.

There has always been more than one black character in this comic!

Robert and Co.

I'm a big fan. I love the Walking Dead so much but I do want to address what I think is the largest problem with the series right now. I'm not writing to talk about the tiger, or the guns being shot out of people's hands, etc. I want to talk about the character, or lack thereof. The characters used to be so incredible at the prison. We knew everyone there and it was a punch to the gut when each of them died, not including Patricia. We don't even know everyone at Alexandria. The only new characters that are still alive that I care about are Jesus and Eugene. I think other characters like Heath, Aaron, Eric, Rosita, Olivia, Gabriel, Holly, Nicholas, and even Sophia need to spend more time in the spotlight because if you're planning another massacre for All Out War, I won't care if any of these new ones die. A conversation here and there isn't going to cut it.

Sam

With a cast this large—and growing—we're always going to run into this issue. I think we do a good job giving a lot of the characters you've mentioned moments when they do appear, but they've got reoccurring roles opposite the main cast. Unless they get a call-up...and at least one of those characters is featured pretty heavily on upcoming covers...

I hear you, Sam. It's mostly a matter of room, but it's probably something I could have put a little more focus on these past two years or so. I feel it will be corrected somewhat in coming issues, stay tuned.

Robert and the Skybound team!

I have finally caught up to the most recent issue of TWD and Invincible! I didn't think the day would ever come! I don't know which one I like more! Either way, I am more than excited to meet you all at my first SD Comic-Con this year (always wanted to go, never had the means). I can't wait to hear it all.

Anyway I just wanted to say that 112 was a great issue. I was on pins and needles during the masterful 2 page spread of Rick. Charlie Adlard is brilliant beyond compare. Also, can I say that Negan is the most charismatic, horrifying, and badass villain in the TWD universe. You guys have really outdone yourselves! Please tell me there is a Negan Special coming soon!

Thank you guys for all the worlds you create and a VERY Happy 10th Birthday! We're going to war! I haven't been this excited for a story arc since the Viltrumite War! (That's two for "Invincible" name droppage, sorry).

Hope to see you in San Diego!
Romel De Silva

Met a lot of great folks at SDCC this year, hope you were one of them!

Invincible name droppage is always welcome here at Letter Hacks.

Ok. Next month is the BIG one. To celebrate this title's 10th Anniversary, we have #115, THE WALKING DEAD #1 10th Anniversary Edition, which presents the first issue recolored by Dave Stewart, and also THE ART OF CHARLIE ADLARD, a very cool art book chock full of zombies and all the other amazing things Charlie draws. PLUS (running out of breath here) Robert and Charlie will be in attendance at New York Comic Con, where Skybound will be celebrating all things Walking Dead and offering lots of cool stuff. Like free high fives.

-Sean Mackiewicz

Woo Hoo!!

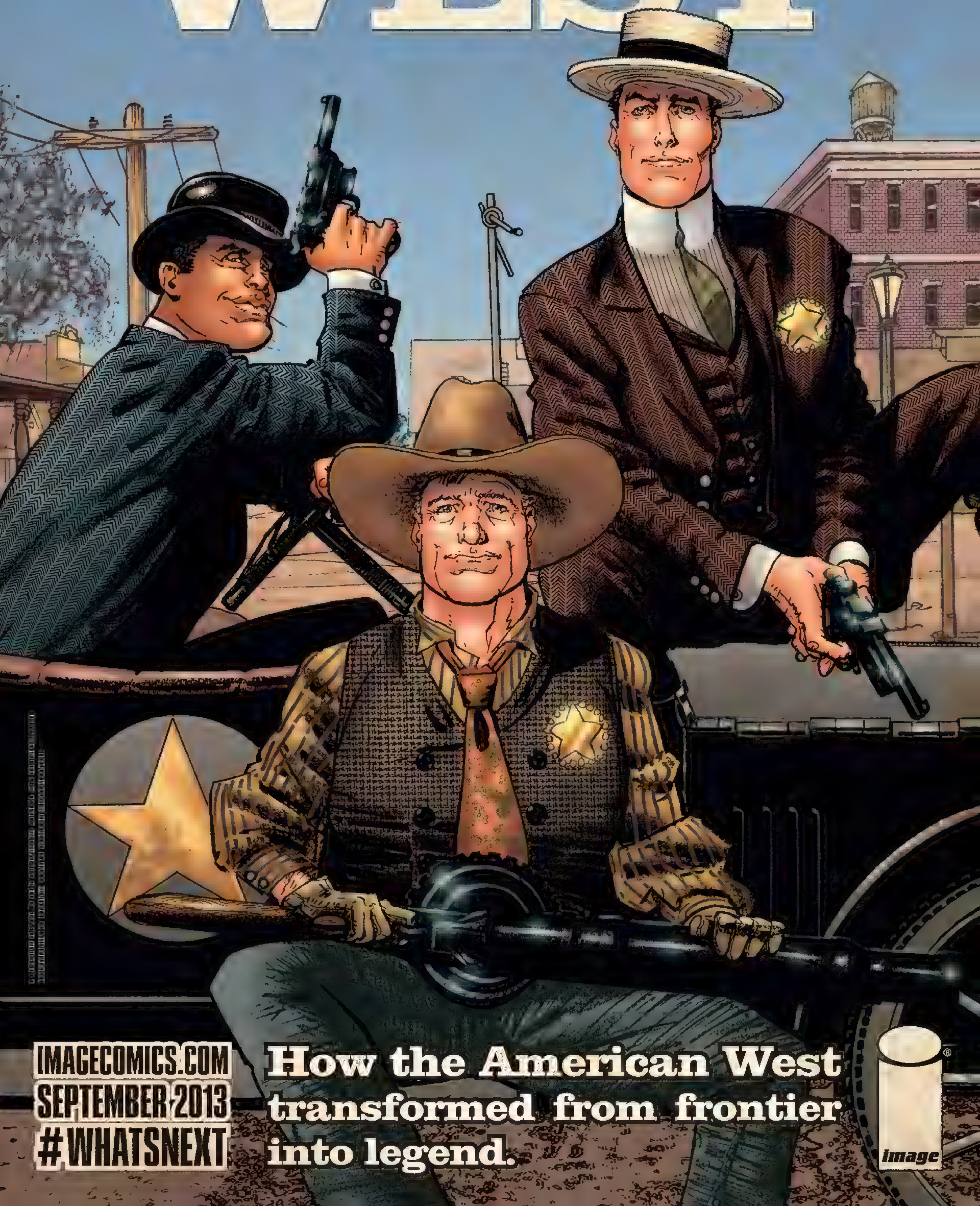
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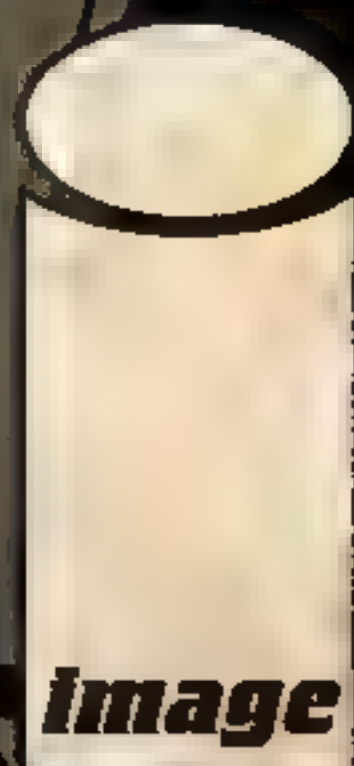
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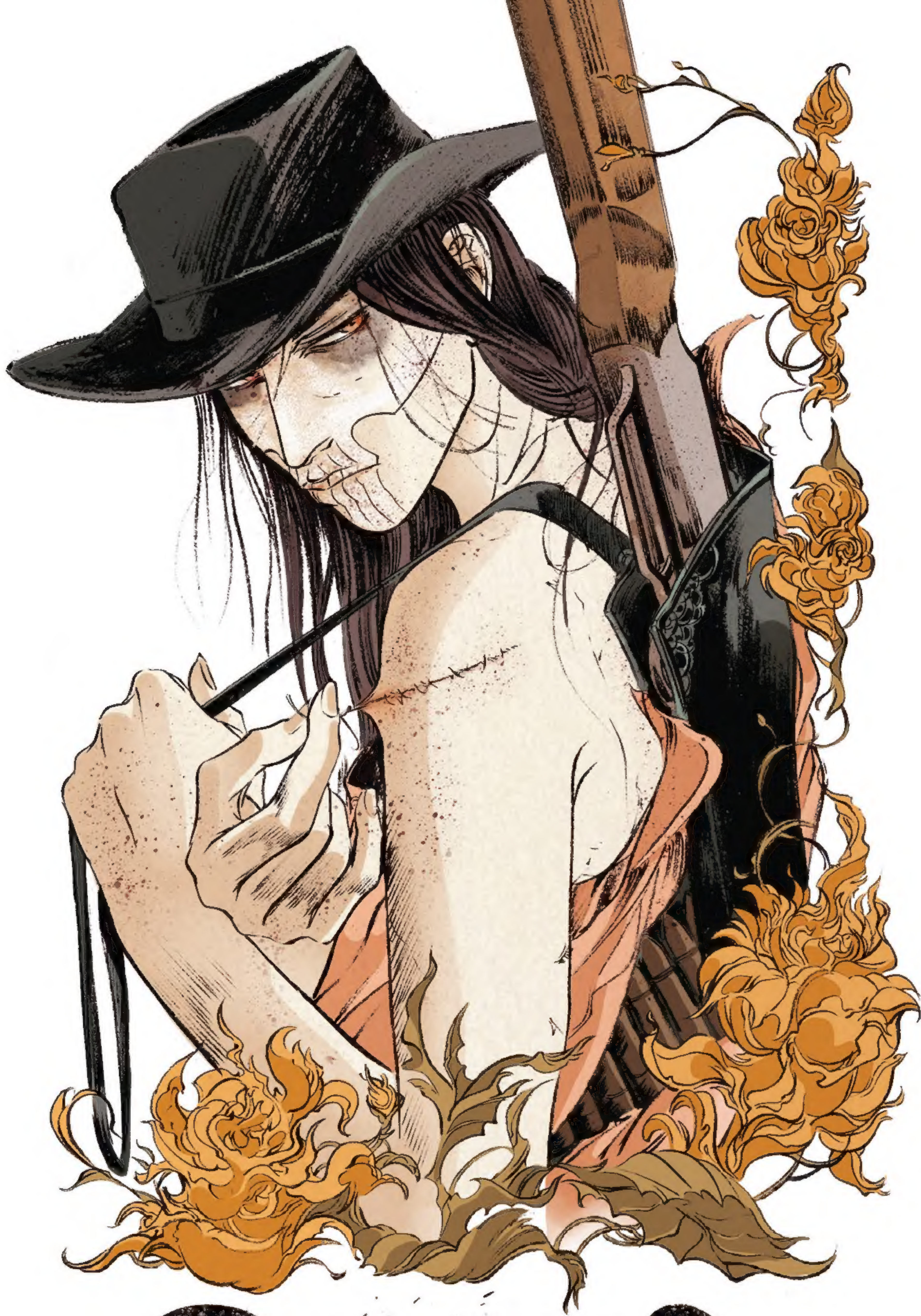
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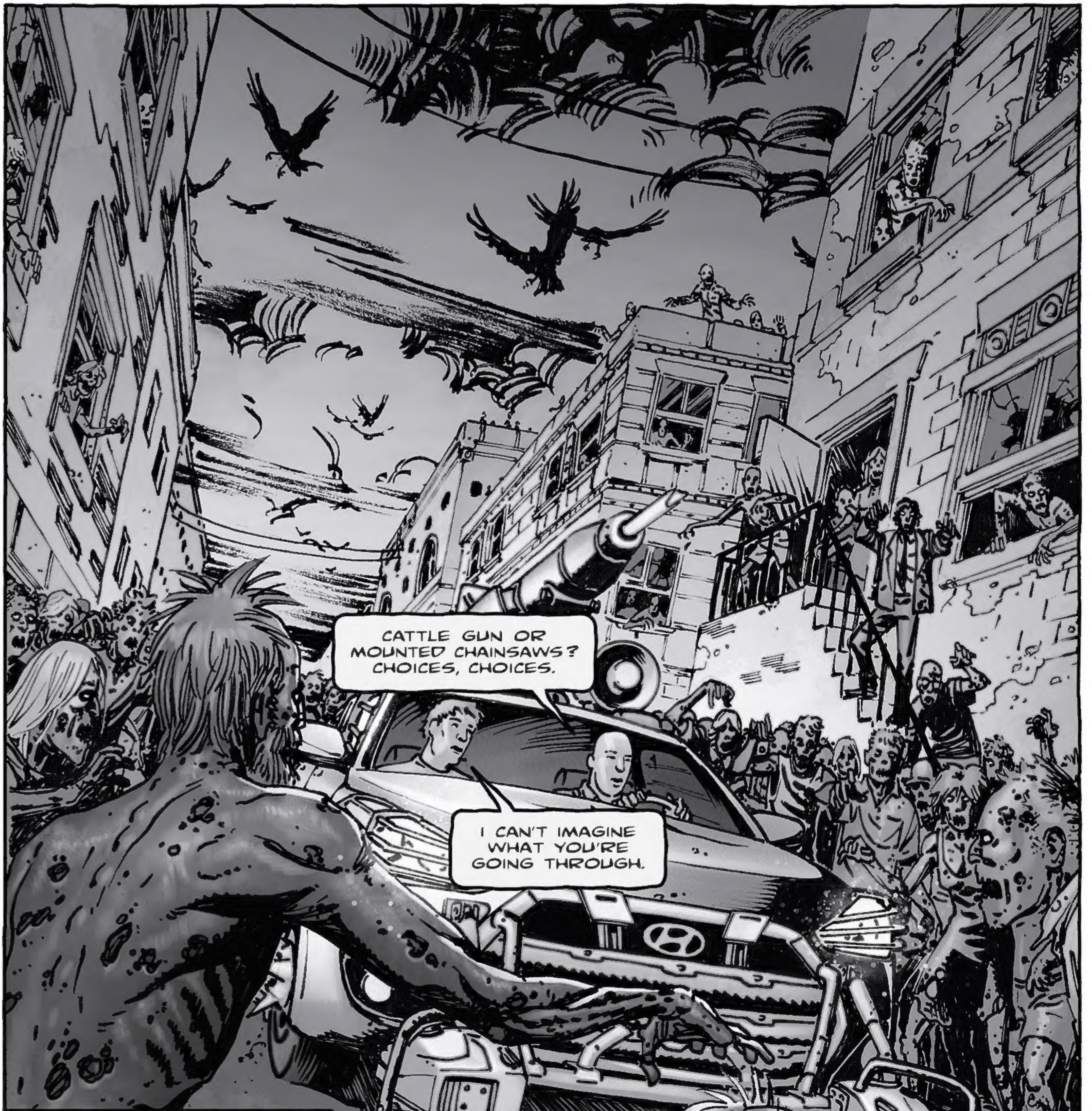
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